# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3429
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COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION SCHEME
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has taken up with the Ministry of Environment and Forests seeking exemption for compensatory afforestation scheme for giving land to landless tribals in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in giving the permission; and

(c) by when permission is to be given by the Union Government?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a)to(c) No Sir. The State Government had, however, submitted a proposal to the Central Government for diversion of 12,196 hectares of vested forest land for distribution among the tribals in the State in January 2002. The Central inspection team visited the proposed areas in June 2003 and reported that the proposal sent by the State Government did not take into consideration the present ground realities. The State Government has sent the revised proposal only in the last week of July, 2003. As such, there has not been any delay in taking a final decision regarding according/rejecting permission to the proposal.